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For : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING A THREE-  
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Sir:

Pursuant to C.F.R. §1.133, applicants hereby request a telephonic interview with  
the Examiner in the above-captioned application, in which all pending claims stand finally  
rejected.

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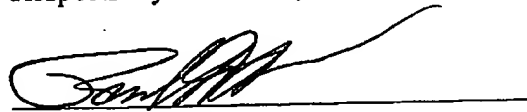
Applicants' counsel, Paul D. Ackerman, will participate in the interview.

Applicants proposed that the telephonic interview take place on or before Wednesday, June 16, 2004, at a time which is convenient for the Examiner.

**ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED**

Cited prior art references, U.S. Patent No. 5,920,319 and U.S. Patent No. 5,319,549, and distinguishing characteristics of the pending claims over these references including the feature "a textural feature indicative of an anomaly" which is referenced by the Examiner in the "Response to Amendment" provided with Paper 13 (Office Action dated March 24, 2004).

Respectfully submitted,



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